

## Companion Bill Summary

The following is a listing of all companion bill requests from the various subcommittees. Additional requests to add to the companion bill may be made through amendments to HB 2.

### Section B -

Federal funds or general fund used for participating families in child care for working caretaker relatives programs shall have a net income limit of 250 percent of the current federal poverty no later than October 1, 2009. The department of health and human services may incorporate earned income work disregards of \$200 and an additional 25 percent from the household's gross income to determine the household's net income. [53-4-212 TANF rulemaking - see section (2) (a) - (h)]

Eliminate the end stage renal program 50-44-101 and 102

### Section C

Change the alfalfa leaf cutting bee enterprise fund to the state special revenue account (which will require an appropriation in the next biennium).

Transfer \$2.1 million from the water adjudication account to the natural resources operations account and require the legislative finance committee to evaluate the resources required to finish the adjudication process. (This essentially is rolling HB 632 into the companion bill.)

### Section D

Require reporting from the Office of Public Defender per the language below.

The office of public defender is required to report data for each fiscal year representing the caseload for the entire public defender system including data for both employee and contract attorneys, the number of new cases opened, the number of cases closed, the number of cases that remain open and active, the number of cases that remain open but are inactive, and the average number of days between case opening and closure for each case type. The report for fiscal year 2009 must be provided to the legislative finance committee by January 1, 2010 and the report for fiscal year 2010 must be provided to the legislative finance committee by September 30, 2010.

The office of public defender is required to report for each fiscal year on the amount of funds collected as reimbursement for services rendered including the number of cases for which a collection is made, the number of cases for which an amount is owed, the amount collected, and the amount remaining unpaid. The report for fiscal year 2009 must be provided to the legislative finance committee by January 1, 2010 and the report for fiscal year 2010 must be provided to the legislative finance committee by September 30, 2010.

**New in HAC**

## TO BE DISCUSSED IN HAC

### Section B:

The Department of Public Health and Human Services budget request for the 2013 biennium shall identify changes necessary to reduce 2013 biennium expenditures to the level funded in the general appropriations act. The department may include changes such as reducing administrative costs, developing more cost efficient methods to deliver services, limiting the number of Medicaid services that adults may receive, changing Medicaid services included in the Montana Medicaid state plan, changing eligibility or level of care requirements for Medicaid waiver services, limiting or changing services that are fully state funded, or implementing other initiatives that reduce state funds. Achieving the necessary general fund reduction in the 2013 biennium budget request may not include shifting costs to state special revenue funds.

The Department of Public Health and Human Services shall prepare a work plan with goals, milestones, and measures to guide its review of alternatives to identify, evaluate, and select initiatives to reduce ongoing state spending in its 2013 biennium budget submission. It shall submit the work plan, goals, milestones, and measures to the Legislative Finance Committee at its first meeting after the 2009 legislative session for its review and comment. The department shall provide an update of its budget reduction for review and comment at each Legislative Finance Committee meeting in a format developed with and agreed upon by the committee.

The Department of Public Health and Human Services may spend no more cash from the cigarette tax state special revenue account allocated to the Montana veterans' homes than appropriated by the legislature in HB 2, HB 13, and other appropriation bills passed during the 2009 legislative session. The department may not transfer state special revenue authority to augment and increase the state special revenue appropriations that are approved by the 2009 legislature from the account established by 16-111-119(1)(a), MCA.

Fund balance amounts above \$4,000,000 in the state special revenue account that funds the Healthy Montana Kids Program will be transferred to the general fund at the end of each fiscal year starting at the end of state fiscal year 2009 (June 30, 2009) through the end of state fiscal year 2012 (June 30, 2012). After that date, the transfer from the Healthy Montana Kids state special revenue account to the general fund terminates.

### Section C:

Suspend the transfer of the fund balance of the Coat Tax Shared Fund to the general fund at the end of each fiscal year, through FY 2012.

Transfer \$600,000 from EQPF to Natural Resource Operations.

The department [of transportation] shall report to the governor and the legislative finance committee not later than November 1 of the year preceding a regular session of the legislature regarding emergency medical services grants that are awarded during each biennium. The report must include a listing of all grant requests and a listing of grants awarded, including a summary of the use of grant funds. [to be codified in Title 61, Chapter 2]

Repeal 15-1-122 (2), MCA – General fund transfer.